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SUBJECT: LIST REVIEW IL 1564: US SUBMISSION ON ITALIAN
OBSOLESCENCE PROPOSAL

1. DEFINITION: LC MEANS "LOWER CASE"
2. US DEL AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT FOLLOWING AS RESPONSE
TO ITALIAN 1564 ORIGINAL OBSOLESCENCE PROPOSAL:
(BEGIN TEXT):

SUBMISSION BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION

(IL 1564)

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REFERENCES:

(A) COCOM DOC. REV. (78)8

(B) COCOM DOC. REV. (78)? ATTACHMENT 45

REFERENCE (A) REFERS TO AN ORIGINAL OBSOLESCENCE PROPOSAL

BY THE ITALIAN DELEGATION, SUBMITTED ACCORDANCE WITH
COCOM DOC. REG. (77)2.1, COVERING CERTAIN TYPES OF
MICROCIRCUITS. THE UNITED STATES HAS CAREFULLY EXAMINED
THESE PROPOSALS AND THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, AND

COUNTERPROPOSES AS FOLLOWS:

(A) THE FIRST ITALIAN PROPOSAL WOULD DECONTROL CERTAIN
READ-ONLY MEMORY (ROM) CIRCUITS. THE UNITED STATES IS
UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE ITEM AS PROPOSED BY THE ITALIAN
DELEGATION. TO DO SO WOULD POTENTIALLY RELEASE NON-
MASK PROGRAMMED ROM CIRCUITS THAT ARE OF SIGNIFICANT
STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE. THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES LIMITING
THIS ITEM TO MASK-PROGRAMMED ROM CIRCUITS AND WILL
RESPOND TO PROPOSED CHANGE IN PARAMETERS DURING THE
DISCUSSIONS OF THIS SUB-ITEM DURING THE LIST REVIEW.

(B) THE SECOND ITALIAN PROPOSAL WOULD ALTER CERTAIN
PARAMETERS APPLIED TO RANDOM-ACCESS MEMORY (RAM) CIRCUITS.
IN ITS PROPOSED DEFINITION (REFERENCE B), THE UNITED
STATES HAS PROPOSED DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN "STATIC"
AND "DYNAMIC" RAM CIRCUITS. THE UNITED STATES COULD
CONCUR IN THE ITALIAN OBSOLESCENCE PROPOSAL TO
THE EXTENT THAT THE PARAMETERS PROPOSED APPLY ONLY
TO "DYNAMIC" RAM CIRCUITS, ALTHOUGH THE UNITED STATES
WOULD PREFER ITS OWN PROPOSAL WHICH, ALTHOUGH MORE
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"LIBERAL" THAN THE ITALIAN PROPOSAL, IS BELIEVED
ADEQUATELY TO PROTECT STRATEGIC CONCERNS. THE UNITED
STATES IS UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE ITALIAN PROPOSAL AS IT
MAY APPLY TO "STATIC" RAM CIRCUITS IN VIEW OF THE
MORE SIGNIFICANT MILITARY APPLICATIONS STEMMING FROM
THEIR USE AT WIDER TEMPERATURE RANGES.

(C) THE THIRD ITALIAN PROPOSAL WOULD RELEASE VIRTUALLY
ALL CMOS DEVICES. THE UNITED STATES IS UNABLE TO ACCEPT
THIS PROPOSAL BECAUSE THESE DIGITAL INTEGRATED CIRCUITS
ARE EXTREMELY USEFUL TO THE MILITARY BECAUSE OF THEIR
LOW POWER DISSIPATION CHARACTERISTICS. THE UNITED
STATES WISHES TO MAKE CLEAR IN THIS CONNECTION THAT SIMPLY
BECAUSE THESE DEVICES ARE HOUSED IN PLASTIC CASES AND
OPERATE OVER A NARROW TEMPERATURE RANGE, OR ARE MORE
THAN 5 YEARS OLD, DOES NOT ELIMINATE STRATEGIC CONCERNS.
THE UNITED STATES DOES AGREE THAT SOME LESS-COMPLEX
CMOS DEVICES SHOULD BE RELEASED AND THE UNITED STATES
HAS SO RECOMMENDED IN ITS PROPOSAL (REFERENCE B). CHRISTOPHER

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